

Tweeddale Community Fund – Assessment panel recommendations - June 27th 2022

Project	Request	Summary	Recommendation
Peebles Red Squirrel Network	£1,009	<p>Start up a schools education programme on the plight of our native red squirrels. Request funding for purchase of equipment for education (e.g. mini microscopes) and promotional materials (e.g, pull up banners, leaflets, a laminator for posters) for awareness and fund raising activities (e.g. talks and stands at shows).</p> <p>They have monitored past successes and will continue to monitor. The work will cover 39,000 hectares from Broughton to Caddonfoot and Yair. The group is entirely voluntary.</p>	To fund; £1,009
Dementia Friendly Tweeddale	£4,459.88	<p>Startup/pilot phase in Peebles for wider Tweeddale roll out. Consists of</p> <p><i>a) pilot "drop-in" social meetings for people with dementia and their carers</i> at the Masonic Hall. Professional volunteers collect and articulate the experience of people living with dementia, and publish these (in papers)- <i>funding towards venue hire.</i></p> <p><i>b) offering awareness raising sessions to businesses, services, clubs etc.</i> as to how small adaptations to their activities can improve community access. Encourage them to commit to being Dementia Friendly –</p> <p>funding will be put towards operational capacity e.g. purchase of projector with speaker, design and printing services, presentational materials, lidded storage boxes, PVG and First Aid training for volunteers, Dementia Care Journal, Zoom subscription, insurance.</p>	To fund; £4,459.88
Peeblesshire Youth Trust	£1,458	<p>Positive transitions' project is a small request to support vulnerable young people. Consists of 2 sessions for 27 vulnerable P7 pupils at the Youth Club before summer hols, a Big Day Out, and then 2 sessions after start of PHS. Offered this before with good feedback.</p> <p>Funding will be used for transport costs and to pay for entry for the identified young people, so that costs aren't a barrier to participation.</p>	To fund; £1,458

<b>Tweedsmuir Community Company</b>	£7,261.50	<p>The development of a community garden on a community owned site at the Crook Inn, Tweedsmuir. The masterplan for the whole site consists of a productive garden, an inspirational garden, and a community recreation space offering training opportunities, workshops and events to complement the Wee Crook.</p> <p>The project has been split into smaller phases to make it easier to manage, fund, and complete with volunteer gardeners. Request funding for materials (listed total £6,221.50 ) and 40 weeks of a part time Community Development Manager, contracted to the TCC as project manager for half a day per week for 40 weeks = £2,600. (Total cost of project = £10,073.50; contribution = £2812; request = £7,261.50)</p>	To fund; £7,261.50
<b>West Linton Scout Group</b>	£4,000	<p>Getting going again after Covid and encouraging more kids to join. Offering 2 nights Camp for 41 scouts (£3727.50) plus equipment (£671.66).</p> <p>The panel are keen to support a group for young people re-establishing post pandemic within a more rural community.</p>	To fund; £4,000
<b>Peebles Community Trust</b>	£7,500	<p>Library of Things: pilot to offer opportunities to borrow not buy; to develop a community resource for this community and its community groups to tap into; to support low income groups to access resources at low cost allowing inclusivity; to encourage community groups to share seldom used resources which are not in use.</p> <p>Funding requested for setting up 'myTurn' app and PT staff to work with volunteers. Long term: employed post might suit skill sets of those with disabilities, and funding would come from membership &amp; lending fees. There is on-going monitoring of needs and use. PCT have been invited to apply for FCC environmental fund</p>	Not to fund

		<p><u>Panel thoughts:</u></p> <p><i>Very worthwhile idea. As far as we can understand this is a re-think of the pilot which was awarded £3,000 funding in March 2022. PCT has not yet responded to requests for clarification nor completed initial evaluation from award in March. Therefore defer an award.</i></p>	
<b>Music in Peebles</b>	£1,456	<p>The Life and Music of Learmont Drysdale - a 19<sup>th</sup> Century composer whose family had strong Tweeddale connections and is buried in Peebles cemetery. To raise awareness of Tweeddale cultural heritage, an illustrated talk on the composer's life, family and local connections will be followed by performances of some of his large musical output, including chamber music, solo piano and song settings, many of them using texts by Borders writers. The talk and recital will be filmed by a local film maker and made available to schools, colleges and other music societies.</p> <p>The project originated from the discovery of a monument to LD in Tweeddale Hills. A member of the Tweeddale Society undertook biographical research and worked together with members of Music in Peebles to put a project together that draws on the expertise of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. The RCS will curate and transcribe the music. Students of RCS will perform at the Eastgate Theatre for a ticketed audience (with discounts for adults accompanied by children).</p> <p><u>Panel thoughts:</u></p> <p><i>The detailed funding table submitted by applicants helps to distinguish between</i></p> <p><i>i) the wider benefits to the Tweeddale community - the filming by a local film maker and the subsequent availability of the film for educational use</i></p> <p><i>and</i></p> <p><i>ii) the more limited benefits for Peebles – the ticketed performance.</i></p>	To fund; £1,450

		<i>The recommendation is therefore to fund the preparation costs of £1,000 (curate and transcribe the music) plus the filming costs of £450 = £1,450.</i>	
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